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# Mysuru's tech CEO kills wife, son, ends life in US

*Harsha Kikkeri*

*Shwetha*

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (RK&BCT)- A Mysuru-based entrepreneur shot dead his wife and child in the United States before taking his own life. The couple's younger son, aged seven, survived by sheer luck, as he had stepped out of the house at the time of the incident.

Harsha Kikkeri, also known as Harshavardhan (57), CEO of 'HoloWorld' located in Vijayanagar Third Stage, Mysuru, committed the tragic act on Thursday night (US time), fatally shooting his wife Shwetha and one of their sons before turning the gun on himself.

According to the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), the incident occurred at a townhome in Newcastle, Washington. Deputies were called to the 7,000 Block of 129th Street following a 911 call. First responders found three people deceased inside the residence.

After securing the scene, deputies determined there was "no additional concern" for public safety. Law enforcement, while confirming an "open and active" investigation, has yet to officially disclose the manner of death.

News crews at the scene reported seeing a child being escorted from the home and comforted by investigators. The King County Medical Examiner's Office has not yet released the identities of the children.

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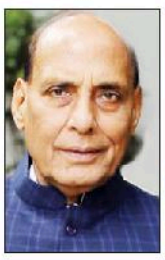
Pahalgam terror attack

## Rajnath Singh meets Modi



*Rajnath Singh*

*Narendra Modi*

New Delhi, Apr. 28 (Agencies)- At a time when India is widely expected to respond militarily to the Pahalgam terrorist attack, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Prime Minister Narendra Modi this morning at the latter's 7 Lok Kalyan Marg residence.

This comes a day after Rajnath Singh met the Chief of General Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan to discuss the key decisions taken up by the military to counter Pakistan following the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam.

Rajnath Singh is understood to have briefed Modi on ongoing operations against terrorists in Kashmir and on the Western front in the wake of the Pahalgam attack. Their meeting lasted for around 40 minutes.

Both the leaders are also expected to have discussed key decisions that have been taken regarding India's response to Pakistan in retaliation to the Pahalgam attack.

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# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Monday 28th April 2025


# Vidyadaan by You-2025

## Handover used textbooks for needy students

Mysuru, Apr. 28- Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS), Mysuru Chapter, has organised ***Vidyadaan by You-2025*** initiative to collect used textbooks from passing students of I PUC and above and the same will later be given to needy students to help them in their studies

BJS started collecting the books on Apr. 27 and two more rounds will be held on May 4 and 11 from 10 am to 1 pm at the following locations:

Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Bhavan, 3rd Cross, Halladakeri; Sri Terapanth Sabha Bhavan, M.G. Road and ADESHWAR Vatika and Parshwavatika, near Mysore Milk Dairy.

For details, contact Amit Chouhan on Mob: 98451-12231 or Navarathan Mal Pitiya on 94498-15656 or Koushik Rathod on 79963-35666 or Puneet Jugraj on 95380-25545 or Akshay Vanigota on 99720-03500 or Himanshu Achha on 86180-51838.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TEACHING CHILDREN TO EAT WELL MUST BEGIN IN SCHOOL: ***Today, children are growing up in a world where food is everywhere — ordered with a tap, delivered to the door and heavily marketed. Choosing what to eat has become increasingly complex.***

***Most children lack the knowledge and the skills to make healthy choices. Their diets are often shaped by habits, peer influence or advertising rather than nutrition or tradition. As a result, many children skip breakfast, eat too few fruits and vegetables, and consume too much sugar and processed food.***

***Teaching children to eat well should not be limited to one off awareness sessions or occasional activities. It needs to be woven into school life. This means having weekly lessons with age appropriate, well designed learning materials, supported by healthier school canteens, kitchen gardens, simple cooking sessions and student-led campaigns. These real-life experiences help children build lasting knowledge, habits and values around food, health and well-being.***

***Children must be seen not only as learners but also as key influencers. With the right knowledge and tools, they can influence their families, friends and even their communities — whether by asking for better school meals, reducing food waste or spreading awareness about healthy eating. In the end, learning to eat well is not just about food. It is about helping children to care for their health, understand their culture, respect the planet and grow into thoughtful, responsible citizens. In a world facing the dual burdens of under-nutrition and over-consumption, climate change and cultural loss, food literacy is no longer a luxury — it is essential.***

***If we want to raise a generation that is healthier, more compassionate and better prepared for the future, we must start by making learning to eat well a part of every child's education — starting today.***

*— Pawan Agarwal in The Hindu*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Pooches shred the waves at dog surfing festival

Florida: Canines conquered the waves in Florida for the Brevard Humane Society's 13th annual East Coast Dog Surfing Festival.

The Easter tradition at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach saw 23 radical rovers riding surfboards and shredding the waves.

The competition was attended by dozens more canines and about 5,000 human spectators.

Sammie the chiweenie —a cross between a chihuahua and a dachshund — successfully defended his 2024 title by taking the top spot in this year's competition.

The festival also featured a canine bikini contest and an Easter outfit contest.

### Pet dog 'shoots' owner, puts him in hospital

Memphis: A dog owner was shot by his pet after it jumped on his bed and set off a loaded gun, Police said.

The man, from Memphis, Tennessee, was asleep beside his female partner when he was shot early Monday morning, escaping with a graze to his left thigh that was treated in hospital.

The dog — a year-old pit bull named Oreo — "got his paw stuck in the trigger guard and ended up hitting the trigger," a Police report said. It did not specify the type of weapon fired, and recorded the incident as "accidental injury."

Local news station cited the Tennessee victim's girlfriend, who was not named, as saying she was sleeping when the gun went off.

"The dog is a playful dog, and he likes to jump around and stuff like that, and it just went off," she reportedly said.

Her lesson from the incident: "Keep the safety on or use a trigger lock."

## HEALTH CAPSULE

**Myth:** Urinary Incontinence happens to everyone with age

**Fact:** Urinary leakage is not an inevitable part of aging. Even if it happens, it can be controlled or cured.

*By Dr. Thimmaiah K A - Consultant – Urology*
*Manipal Hospital, Mysore*

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

# Applications invited to avail education loans

Mysuru, Apr.28- Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation, Mysuru, has invited applications from minority communities like Muslims, Christians, Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs and Parsis to avail educational loans under 'Arivu' scheme of the State Government.

The Corporation is providing loans for students who are selected under various examinations conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) for (KEA/CET/NEET) for courses like MBBS, BE, BDS, B. AYUSH, B.Arch., B. Tech, Pharmacy, Agricultural Science and Veterinary courses. Education loans will be provided for students who want pursue higher education through CET/NEET.

Eligible students can submit online applications under 'Arivu' scheme through website *https://kmdconline.karnataka.gov.in/.*

After submitting their applications online, the students must take a print out and attest their caste and income certificates to their QR coded application and submit them along with copies of Aadhaar card, SSLC & PUC marks cards, 4 photos, CET hall ticket and also a Rs.100 Indemnity Bond signed by a Notary to the District Manager, Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation, 1st floor, Moulana Azad Bhavan, next to Shobha Garden, Bharatnagar, Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway.

May 23 is the last date for submitting online applications.

For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2430080.

## WATER LEVEL

| KRS DAM | KABINI DAM | HARANGI DAM |
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| Maximum **124.80 feet** | Maximum **2,284 feet** | Maximum **2,859 feet** |
| Today's level **96.00 feet** | Today's level **2,264.89 feet** | Today's level **2,832.02 feet** |
| Last year's level **81.33 feet** | Last year's level **2,260.25 feet** | Last year's level **2,824.67 feet** |
| Yesterday's level **96.47 feet** | Yesterday's level **2,265.06 feet** | Yesterday's level **2,832.05 feet** |
| Today's Inflow **103 cusecs** | Today's Inflow **63 cusecs** | Today's Inflow **115 cusecs** |
| Today's Outflow **3,821 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **800 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **100 cusecs** |

## REALLY...?

- ***Not all frogs can jump. While most long-legged species can jump a distance greater than 20 times their body length, those with shorter back legs can hop, crawl or walk.***
- ***Frogs don't drink water. These aquatic creatures absorb water through their skin.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Mistress:*** *And above all, I want obedience and truthfulness.*

***New maid:*** *Yes Madam. But if anybody calls when you are in, and you want me to say that you are out, which comes first — obedience or truthfulness?!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 85.22 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 113.37 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 23.20 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 96.66 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

### Kaveri Online Services

# User-friendly platform to access various services

Sir,

A few days back, I had applied for a Marriage Certificate through Kaveri Online Services *https://kaveri.karnataka.gov.in*. The application process is very simple and user-friendly.

We have to register first, fill the marriage details, bridegroom's and bride's details, witness details. Then we have to upload all the relevant documents. The application and Certificate fee is very nominal.

In just 3 days I got the Certificate. Thanks to the Sub-Registrar Office (South) for acting swiftly to issue the same.

Apart from marriage registration, there are other services like document registration, Encumbrance Certificate (online EC), Certified Copy (online CC) etc., available in the website of Kaveri Online Services.

Sitting at home people can make use of these Services and get the Certificate without visiting the Sub-Registrar Office to apply or to know the status of the application.

Kudos to the citizens online services offered by the Government of Karnataka.

**—Arun Kumar**
**on e-mail**
Chamarajapuram
25.4.2025

# Walk of Hope: Autism Awareness Walkathon taken out in city

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY)- As part of World Autism Awareness Month, a walkathon titled 'Walk of Hope' was organised by the Devdan Foundation Learning Centre, in collaboration with PADHA Trust, in city yesterday to promote acceptance of autism by the society.

The 3-km walkathon commenced from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises at the Palace North Gate and concluded at the Oval Grounds. The event evoked a good response from the public.

District Disability Welfare Officer Shankar Gowda Patil flagged off the event. He emphasised the importance of early diagnosis of autism and the imperatives of creating greater awareness about it. He said that autism was one of the 21 recognised disabilities. If identified early, timely support and intervention can be provided. The Government is committed to extending all necessary assistance in this regard, he added.

Special Educator Saswati Singh and Psychiatrist Dr. Krishna too spoke on the occasion.

Devdan Foundation Chairperson Dhanya Ponnamma Uthappa, Executive Manager Uthappa Ballachanda & Director Kotera Dilip Devaiah, Sangeetha of PADHA Trust, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist Dr. A. Sonia Mandappa, Speech Language Pathologist & Audiologist Irfana Husen, Fashion Designer Jayanthi Ballal, Rtn. Kishore Bidappa and others took part.

# CII hosts conference on sustainable transformation

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BCT)- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, hosted the highly anticipated Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Conference and Expo 2025, themed "Driving Sustainable Transformation: Aligning Business with Sustainability."

The event, held in collaboration with the CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, JSS Science and Technology University and the Schevaran Cleanfix Academy, emerged as a significant platform for driving conversations around ESG strategies in the region.

In his inaugural address, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, underscored the critical role of ESG principles in shaping organisational strategies, particularly in environmental conservation and restoration.

Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of JSS STU and Sohanjeet Randhawa, Director - Sustainability at Volvo Group India, shared insights into the evolving ESG landscape and global best practices.

Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Chairman of CII Mysuru Zone, emphasised the importance of sustainability as a core business strategy, noting that it has moved beyond being a compliance requirement.

He reaffirmed India's commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2070. "We are not merely discussing sustainability — we are building it, brick by brick, enterprise by enterprise," he stated.

Sam Cherian, Past Chairman of CII Mysuru Zone, set the tone for the event by describing ESG as a vital business imperative. He highlighted the nationwide shift toward mandatory ESG disclosures through the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) and lauded the contributions of MSMEs to this evolving landscape.

C.P. Ganapathy, Convenor of the HSE & Wellness Panel, CII Mysuru Zone, shared critical insights on the integration of ESG across sectors, revealing that only 37 percent of Indian companies have fully embedded ESG into their operational and strategic frameworks, indicating vast opportunities for collective action.

With over 150 delegates from various sectors, including manufacturing, services, academia, and sustainability consultancies, the event marked a significant step toward mainstreaming ESG in the region.

# India's own space station by 2047: Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BCT)- India is well on course to establish its own space station by 2047, said *Padma Shri* Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar, former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman and member of the Space Commission.

He was speaking during a technical talk on 'Space Technology' held at Seshadripuram Institute of Technology (SIT), in Kadakola Industrial Area, Mysuru.

The renowned space scientist engaged with engineering students during the session, offering deep insights into India's landmark missions, including Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan.

Reflecting on India's space journey, Dr. Kiran Kumar said, "While other nations made significant strides in space research during the 1950s, India's progress was minimal. It was the unwavering vision and dedication of pioneers like Dr. Vikram Sarabhai that laid the foundation for ISRO's current achievements."

He further stated that India, now a major space power, has accomplished what many other nations have not, and expressed confidence that the dream of an Indian space station would become a reality by 2047.

The session was highly interactive, with Dr. Kiran Kumar patiently addressing students' queries and encouraging their curiosity about space science. He elaborated on the significance of Lunar and Martian missions and inspired students to be part of India's future in space exploration.

The event was presided over by Dr. Wooday P. Krishna, Honorary Secretary of Seshadripuram Educational Trust, who underscored the transformative impact of technology and praised the institute for offering skill-based training to students right from their first year.

Dr. Prahlad Rao, Principal, welcomed. M.S. Nataraj, Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Trust, along with HoDs, faculty, staff and students, were present.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Half-price sale of periodicals

Various periodicals at libraries, which come under City Central Library, Mysuru and other service centre Libraries, stored from April 2024 and March 2025 will be sold at half the price. These periodicals (except competitive periodicals) will be sold at half-price from Apr. 28 to May 31. Interested citizens can get them at libraries which are near to the place of their residence. For more information, contact the in-charge of City Library Centres. Public are requested to obtain receipts for the periodicals purchased.

### Quit Tobacco Programme

The Art of Living is conducting Quit Tabacco Programme from Apr. 30 to May 5 between 5.30 pm and 9 pm at the Art of Living Meditation Centre, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru. For details, contact Mob: 96200-15151 or 96209-47215, according to a press release.

# Siddaramaiah takes U-turn, says wage war if necessary

Bengaluru, Apr. 28 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah yesterday backtracked on his Saturday statement in Mysuru, where he had said that there was no need to wage war against Pakistan in retaliation for the Pahalgam terrorist attack that killed 26 people.

*Siddaramaiah*

He claimed his remarks had been misrepresented, asserting that India should never tolerate threats to its unity and sovereignty and must go to war if necessary.

"On Saturday in Mysuru, reporters asked me whether war (against Pakistan) is necessary right now. I said war is not needed immediately, but terrorism must be eradicated to ensure the country's security. India is the land of Buddha and Basavanna — we are peace-loving people who never wage war unnecessarily. But if it becomes inevitable, we must fight, whether against Pakistan or any other nation threatening our unity and sovereignty," he said at the Government's 'Sadhana Samavesha' in Devanahalli.

**Pakistan Ratna: BJP**

As his remarks gained traction on Saturday in some Pakistani media outlets, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi criticised the Congress CM. "The entire world is offering condolences to India. Most countries want India to teach the terrorists a lesson. Meanwhile, CM Siddaramaiah's remarks asking not to punish the culprits but to strengthen our security are condemnable," he said.

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka called the Chief Minister "Pakistan Ratna". Claiming that Siddaramaiah had become "world famous in Pakistan due to his childish comments," the BJP leader said, it might not be surprising if the neighbouring country's highest civilian award was conferred on him.

"When the country is facing a very sensitive situation, with the threat of war looming over the border, you are acting like a puppet of an enemy nation. People like you in public life are the biggest tragedy of our country," he said in a post on X.

The JD(S) also attacked Siddaramaiah by sharing a video of a TV channel in Pakistan highlighting Siddaramaiah's remarks. "Your love for Pakistan is being celebrated even in the Pakistani media," it said, alleging that the Congress Government's appeasement politics has prompted it to speak against India.

However, Siddaramaiah later clarified: "India is at a critical juncture. To counter external threats, we must first strengthen internal unity. Pakistan is a crumbling, bankrupt state, weak and desperate. India, on the other hand, is a rising global power. We must act wisely."

# Gallery collapses during kabbadi tournament

### One killed, over 13 injured

Mandya, Apr. 28 (KS)- A 55-year-old man was killed while over 13 persons, including six children, sustained injuries when the viewers' gallery collapsed during a kabbadi tournament at Mallanayakanakatte village in the taluk on Saturday night.

*Papannachar*

The deceased has been identified as Papannachar, a resident of Mallanayakanakatte village.

**Details:** Nithin, Karthik, Jaishankar and Basavaraju of Mallanayakanakatte village had organised a kabbadi tournament at the village and a lot of people from the village including from neighbouring villages had come to witness the tournament.

The organisers had erected a gallery for the viewers to sit and watch the kabbadi matches. As the gallery was not erected properly, the gallery collapsed and iron rods fell on Papannachar killing him and injuring over 13 persons, including six children. Of the injured 13, three to four persons were injured seriously. The injured were admitted to MIMS Hospital and a private hospital in Mandya.

MLA Darshan Puttannaiah, who visited the injured, enquired about their health and collected information about the incident.

The MLA instructed the Police to initiate stern legal action against the organisers of the kabbadi tournament. He also informed that he would speak with the State Government and the District Administration to provide compensation to the deceased and the injured persons.

District Minister N. Chaluvarayaswamy, who visited the hospital yesterday, enquired the well-being of the injured and demanded compensation be paid to the family members of deceased Papannachar.

A case has been registered at Shivalli Police Station and the Cops have launched a hunt to arrest the tournament organisers.

## IPL 2025

**TODAY'S MATCH APRIL 28**

**RR** Vs **GT**

Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur, Rajasthan, **7.30 pm**

**TOMORROW'S MATCH APRIL 29**

**DC** Vs **KKR**

Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, **7.30 pm**

**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**

**DC** 162/8 (20 overs)
LOST TO
**RCB** 165/4 (18.3 overs)

**MI** 215/7 (20 overs)
BEAT
**LSG** 161 (20 overs)

Live telecast on: **Star Sports Network & JioHotstar**

# Tree massacre: Environmentalist lodges complaint with Lokayukta

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY&KS)- Environmentalist Bhanu Mohan has lodged a complaint with the Lokayukta regarding chopping down of 40 fully grown trees on Hyder Ali Road in city for road-widening.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city recently, Bhanu Mohan said that though there was no necessity to widen Hyder Ali Road, the trees were chopped off and added that she has lodged a complaint with the Lokayukta urging action against the officials who had given permission to cut down the fully grown trees and for not stopping the chopping of trees.

She further stated that she has sought action against Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.N. Basavaraju, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and Nazarbad Police Inspector Mahadevaswamy.

Bhanu Mohan said that on Mar. 20, the MCC had written a letter to the Forest Department seeking permission to chop the trees to widen Hyder Ali Road by 30 metres for which the DCF had granted permission on Mar. 25.

Pointing out that she had given her objection to it on Apr. 11, she said that the trees were chopped down on Apr. 13 which was a Sunday. She alleged that a few persons, who said that they were from MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif side, without any work order, chopped down the trees in the night.

She further said that though they caught the tree fellers and handed them over to the Police, jurisdictional Nazarbad Police Inspector Mahadevaswamy did not take action against them but sent them away safely and hence she lodged a complaint with the Lokayukta in Bengaluru.

Advocate V. Ravikumar and Environmentalist Adarsh Urs were present at the press meet.

# Obituary

**Nellira Chondamma**

Mysuru, Apr. 28- Nellira Chondamma (Mukkatira - Harihara), wife of late Poonacha and a resident of #10, Allfine Layout, Bogadi, in city, passed away early this morning. She was 93.

A native of Churikad, Ponnampet taluk, Kodagu, she leaves behind her sons Subbaiah (Sheshu) & Somanna (Subhash), daughters-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijaynagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

**Madhuri Naidu**

Madhuri Naidu (63), wife of Karnataka State Reserve Police 5th Battalion retired Commandant M.B. Naidu and a resident of K.C. Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

**A.V. Sudha**

A.V. Sudha (57), a resident of Manasinagar, passed away on Saturday in city.

She had served as a Maths teacher at JSS Public School in Siddarthanagar, Principal of Geetha Bharati Shikshana Samsthe of Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha and also as its Administrator before taking voluntary retirement.

She leaves behind her husband retired Programme Executive at Akashvani S. Subramanya, daughter S. Surabhi, son-in-law S. Rakesh and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Saturday evening.

## Pahalgam terror attack

# Rajasthan Association, city beauticians stage protests

*The members of Rajasthan Association staging a protest in city yesterday.*

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (GA&KS)- Condemning the massacre of innocent tourists by terrorists at Pahalgam in Kashmir, Rajasthan Association staged a protest in city yesterday.

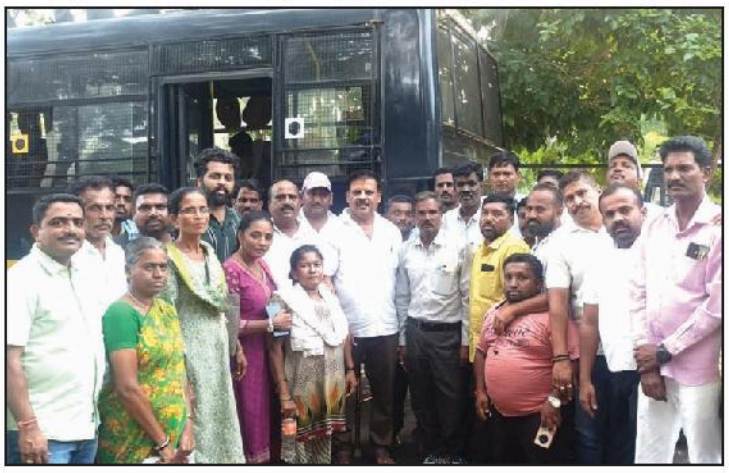
The protesters, who assembled near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace, took out a procession till Gandhi Square and staged a protest there.

The protesters said that the State Government, instead of condemning the terror attack, was blaming the Centre and making baseless allegations and demanded the State Government to stop making allegations besides urging the State Government not to politicise the issue.

Hiralal, Ravi, Anil Jain, Puttaramal, Satish Jain, Naveen and others took part in the protest.

***The office-bearers and members of Mysore Beauticians Welfare Association staging a protest against the terror attack in Pahalgam at Ramaswamy Circle in city this morning. Ex-Servicemen Srinivas Nanjundaswamy, Ponnappa and Biddappa also joined them and staged a protest. Association President Veda Rai and other office-bearers Prathibha Shetty, Sapna, Malini Palaksha, Manjula, Nazreen, Rajeshwari, Padmini, Veena, Jyothi Shetty, Sharada, Rithi and members from Kollegal, Malavalli, KRS and T. Narasipur took part in the protest.***

# Former Mayor extends support to protesting physically challenged



***Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy with the members of Nava Karnataka Physically Challenged Honorarium Activists Association at the DC Office premises in city on Saturday.***

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (KS)- Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy has extended his support for the ongoing protest by the members of Nava Karnataka Physically Challenged Honorarium Activists Association, who are staging protest at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office premises urging for fulfilment of their various demands.

The former Mayor, who visited the protesters on Saturday, said that the State Government had completely neglected the physically challenged. Pointing out that physically challenged persons were staging dharna since six to seven days, he said that no one had come to hear their grievances even on humanitarian grounds. He said that it is the responsibility of the State Government to hear their grievances and fulfil their demands.

The protesters have decided to continue their indefinite hunger stir till Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visits the spot and listen to their grievances and hence the State Government should immediately take steps, Sandesh Swamy added.

The demands of the protesters include bringing them to minimum wages bracket, monthly honorarium be hiked to Rs. 5,000, extend the free bus pass limits to entire State and separate residential colony be constructed to physically challenged persons residing in Mysuru.

NR Constituency BJP Unit President S. Manjunath, General Secretary Manju, former Corporator Sathvik, leaders Murali, Bhanuprakash, Velu, Shekar and others were present.

# Obituary

**Siddalingappa**

**Nanjangud:** Siddalingappa (74), senior Congress leader, former President of Taluk Ashraya Samithi and a resident of Debur village in the taluk, passed away yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the village this afternoon, according to family sources.

# Tributes paid to those killed in Pahalgam

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (SPN&KS)- Bharath Scouts and Guides, in association with Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, condemning the killing of tourists by terrorists at Pahalgam in Kashmir, staged a protest at Trinetra Circle in Gokulam 3rd Stage and paid tributes to those who lost their lives.

Led by Bharath Scouts and Guides State Unit Commissioner and former Home Minister PGR Sindhia and Vidyavardhaka Educational Institutions' Secretary and former Mayor P. Vishwanath, Bharath Scouts and Guides cadets lit candles and paid tributes to the deceased tourists.

PGR Sindhia, who condemned the killing of innocent tourists demanded stringent punishment to those behind the killings and called upon the people to stand with the country besides asking the people to support PM Modi, who is handling the incident effectively.

Former Mayor P. Vishwanath also spoke. Earlier, the students and teachers of various schools and colleges took out a procession from K.P. Convent till Trinetra Circle, where they lit candles and paid tributes to the deceased tourists.

Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Bharath Scouts and Guides District Unit Secretary Abdul Jameel and others were present.

# Man goes missing

*S. Manju*

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (KS)- A 29-year-old man has gone missing since Mar. 29 from Mysuru South Police limits in city.

The missing man is S. Manju. He is 5.5 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, has the names 'Kavya' and 'Thayamma' tattooed on his left hand and was wearing a brown colour shirt and jeans pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about Manju may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

# Mysuru's War Memorial work nears final phase

*Massive slabs of the War Memorial being assembled and polished at the NCC Parade Grounds next to the old Deputy Commissioner's Office in Mysuru.*

*Retired military officer and senior KAS officer C.L. Anand (left) overseeing the War Memorial project work.*

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY&BCT)- The final phase of the construction of the War Memorial at the NCC Parade Grounds near the old Deputy Commissioner's Office in city is advancing at a swift pace.

Currently, granite slabs are being installed on the memorial's base and the final polishing work is underway to prepare the monument for its inauguration.

Six massive slabs, crafted from high-quality stone, were carved separately on the grounds earlier. Just four days ago, these slabs were meticulously assembled onto the foundation of the memorial, forming a tower-like structure with the help of a crane.

Now, as the final polishing work continues, the memorial's structure is taking shape, with plans for the next stages already in motion. Once the polishing is complete, the memorial will be further enhanced with addition of green stone slabs around the base, providing a traditional touch. Inscriptions in gold colour will be added, completing the memorial's distinctive look.

Designed as a square-shaped monument, the War Memorial will honour the significant contributions of the Army, Air Force, Navy and paramilitary forces. Plans for the memorial include the installation of tanks, fighter jets, ships, guns and other tools of warfare.

Retired military officer and senior KAS officer C.L. Anand, who has been involved in overseeing the project, facilitated the approval for the use of war equipment donated to the memorial.

This proposal received approval from both the Central Government and the Ministry of Defence. Once the memorial is completed, military tanks, guns, and other equipment will be delivered to Mysuru and installed at the site, further augmenting the memorial's significance.

**The long road to construction**

The Memorial is coming up, thanks to the relentless efforts of ex-servicemen led by Air Veteran Mandetira N. Subramani (now late), also the President of Vekare Ex-Servicemen Trust.

In 2000, he submitted a petition to the State Government and the Mysuru District Administration, demanding the construction of a War Memorial. In 2010, a renewed petition led to the search for a suitable location.

Although the process was temporarily halted, it was revived in 2012. In 2016, the then Assistant Commissioner of Mysuru, C.L. Anand, completed the processes and submitted a proposal to the Government. The Government had already released funds for the project, allowing the work to move forward.

**Current progress and plans**

"The construction of the War Memorial is progressing rapidly, with high-quality stone donated from Chamarajanagar and Hassan, valued at crores of rupees. The initial phase of sculpting and polishing of the slabs, is now complete and the slabs have been assembled onto the memorial's platform. The final phase of polishing work is in progress and soon the green stone slabs will be added around the base," C.L. Anand told *Star of Mysore*.

He is at present awaiting a posting from the Government.

"In the coming months, traditional and decorative plants will be planted in the surrounding grounds, creating an atmosphere that fosters patriotism and pride for all who visit. The idea of an Army Museum was also proposed earlier, with plans to convert the old Deputy Commissioner's Office building into a space that showcases India's military history," he added.

As the War Memorial nears its completion, Mysuru is set to have a new landmark that honours the nation's armed forces and provides a space for the public to reflect on the sacrifices made for the country's security and freedom.

# Govt. urged to drop Sri Manteswamy, Sri Rachappaji and Sri Siddappaji Development Authority plan

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (SBD&BS)- M.L. Varchusvi Srikanta Siddalinga Raje Urs, Matadhipati of Sri Manteswamy Mutt (Malavalli, Adi Honnayakana Halli and Sri Kappadi Kshetra), has urged the Government to withdraw its decision to constitute Sri Manteswamy, Sri Rachappaji and Sri Siddappaji Shrines Development Authority.

M.L. Varchusvi, who has opposed the decision of the State Cabinet, stated that the aforementioned shrines and the mutts associated with them, have a history spanning five decades, enriched by spiritual and traditional practices and customs.

He said, the community has deep faith in the practices, culture and tradition related to those religious centres, especially the faith espoused by Neelagararu that has been inherited by generations to generations.

Two hereditary families have been patronising the sanctity associated with those centres, with unwavering faith and devotion. But, the State Government has taken a unilateral decision to establish the Development Authority, without taking the opinions of either the Matadhipati or patrons into confidence, he said adding that it is akin to direct interference with religious hegemony and ignorance of the historical practices that continue to exist till date.

*Varchusvi Channaraje Urs*

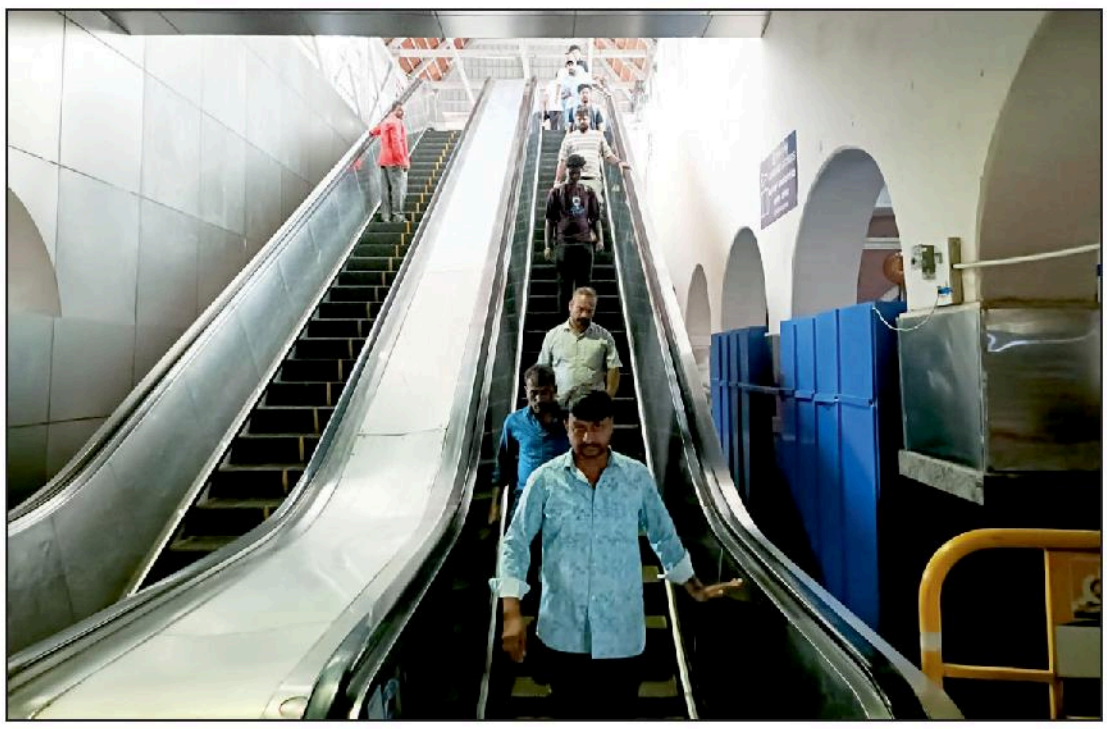
Sri Malavalli Manteswamy Mutt won't support any initiatives to form an Authority and considers the Cabinet decision as illegal and unwarranted and an onslaught on the spiritual, cultural and social traditions.

The proposal to establish the Authority should be withdrawn and the religious autonomy enjoyed by the historical mutts and institutions should be treated with reverence, he said.

Most importantly, before taking any decision that impacts religious centres, the Government should discuss with the authorities concerned, Varchusvi said.

Meanwhile, Sri B.S. Jnanananda Channaraje Urs Swamiji, Peethadipati of Sri Dharege Doddavara Samsthana has also opposed the State Government's plan of constituting the Development Authority.

# Escalators at City Railway Station fail passengers daily

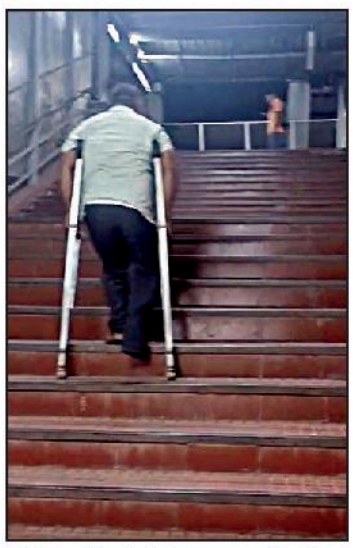


Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BLU&BCT)- The escalators at Mysuru City Railway Station are fast becoming a symbol of neglect, breaking down frequently and leaving passengers, including the elderly, children and persons with disabilities, to painfully climb the stairs.

Two escalators near the ticket counter and another at the CFTRI Gate entrance have been repeatedly out of service. For many, particularly those with mobility challenges, the journey up the stairs has turned into a daily ordeal.

In one heartbreaking incident, a differently-abled person attempting to ascend with a walking aid fell, highlighting the dangerous consequences of these persistent failures.

The problem is not occasional; escalator breakdowns are reported almost daily, calling into question the very purpose of the costly installations. Despite spending lakhs of rupees, the Railways' investment is crumbling due to poor maintenance.



*Differently-abled person climbing the stairs at Railway Station.*

The responsibility for maintaining the escalators lies with the installation company, which is mandated to conduct regular inspections. However, chronic technical glitches suggest serious lapses.

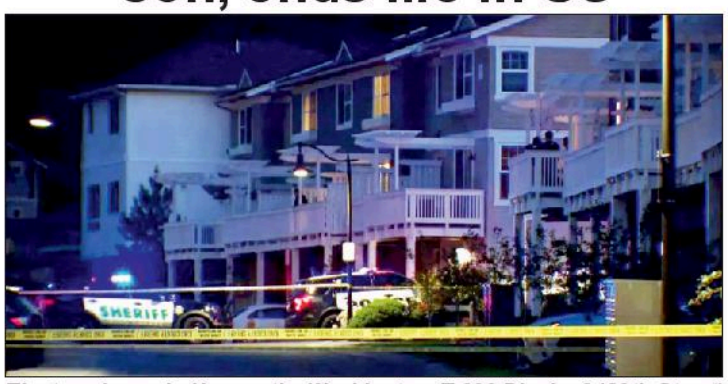
Calls have grown louder for the Railways to terminate the maintenance contract and hold the company accountable, yet no action has been taken, forcing ordinary passengers to bear the brunt.

"When someone falls or stumbles, they often hit the emergency button, causing the escalator to stop," explained Nayak, Senior Section Engineer (Electrical), South Western Railway, Mysuru Division.

He also claimed that sensor malfunctions occur because passengers misuse the equipment — a claim seen by many as an excuse rather than a solution.

In stark contrast, escalators at Bengaluru's Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station function smoothly without recurring faults, raising uncomfortable questions: Why can't Mysuru Railway Station ensure the same level of reliability?

# Mysuru's tech CEO kills wife, son, ends life in US



*The townhome in Newcastle, Washington (7,000 Block of 129th Street) where the shooting took place.*

## Business began in 2018

The corporate headquarters of 'HoloWorld' — specifically its division 'HoloEducation' — is located at #970, Ganapathi Temple Road, opposite Nirmithi Kendra, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Mysuru. After establishing the company, Harsha couple had returned to US. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the building owner said that the company began operations on the first floor of the building in 2018 and functioned well until 2022.

"After 2019, COVID pandemic struck, and the 'HoloEducation' setup closed in 2022. I have not heard from them since, and the premises have remained vacant. I do not have any of their contacts, and I heard about the tragedy only yesterday," the building owner said. The incident has left the business community shocked. Many entrepreneurs, including Bhaskar Kalale, Chairman of EqualizeRCM - India and President of TiE Mysuru Chapter, have expressed their deepest condolences.

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Investigations are ongoing, and the exact reason behind the tragedy remains unknown. Police have not issued any further official statements.

**A successful businessman**

Originally hailing from Kikkeri village in K.R. Pet taluk, Mandya district, Harsha earned an engineering degree from Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) in Mysuru. He later worked for several years at Microsoft in the United States (US), where he was involved in building robots.

After returning to India in 2017, Harsha and his wife Shwetha founded 'HoloWorld,' a robotics start-up in Mysuru. In 2018, the company developed 'HoloSuit,' the world's first affordable, lightweight, bi-directional, wireless full-body motion capture suit, catering to industries such as sports, healthcare, education, entertainment and skill development.

While Shwetha served as Chairperson, Harsha was the CEO. The company's products gained international demand, with exports to the US, UK and Israel. Former cricketer Yuvraj Singh was the brand ambassador for HoloWorld.

Harsha had also met Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss deploying robots in sensitive border areas, envisioning them as 24x7, extreme, all-weather operational soldiers. As a member of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Harsha had delivered lectures on robotics at entrepreneurial conferences in Mysuru.

Despite advancing successfully in his entrepreneurial journey, the reasons behind Harsha's devastating act are yet to be uncovered through Police investigations.

**Neighbours shocked**

Neighbours described the family as friendly but reserved. "I only knew them in passing," Alex Gumina, President of the Home Owners Association, told news reporters. "We would exchange greetings, and I often saw the wife walking her children to school. She was super nice."

Another neighbour said, "She was always cheerful and easy to talk to. Her younger son was very affectionate and would run up to hug me. We've heard of nothing even remotely close to this happening in this neighbourhood. What has happened is heartbreaking and beyond words."

Neighbours said, they're planning an event this weekend to come together as a community and commemorate the family.

# New Lions Club inaugurated

*Lions Club of Mysore New City, sponsored by Lions Club of Mysore Garden City, one of the oldest Lions Clubs of Mysore, was inaugurated recently by District Governor Ln. N. Subramanya after induction of new members and installation of the new team under the Presidentship of Ln. S. Kiran. Picture shows the newly inducted Lions with dignitaries from Lions International District 317 G.*

SITTING FROM LEFT - FRONT ROW: ***Ln. B.S. Suresh, Ln. B.V. Suresh, Ln. K.B. Bhaskar (Member - District Cabinet), Ln. Pooja Modi, Ln. Uma Kiran, Ln. Dr. Sreekala Chandrahas, Ln. Rajanna, Ln. Anil Kumar Modi (newly installed Treasurer) and Ln. Hirachand Jain.*** SITTING FROM LEFT - MIDDLE ROW: ***Ln. Shilpa Ravikumar, Ln. V.C. Ravikumar (Region Chairperson), Ln. K.N. Puneethkumar (District Cabinet Treasurer), Ln. Devegowda (Past District Governor), Ln. Vani Subramanya (First Lady of the District), Ln. N. Subramanya (District Governor), Ln. Uma Shankar (President - Lions Club of Mysore Garden City), Ln. S. Kiran (newly installed President), Ln. Krishne Gowda (Past District Governor), Ln. Mathidevakumar (Second Vice District Governor), Ln. C.D. Krishna (District Cabinet Secretary), Ln. K. Ravi (Zone Chairperson) and Ln. K. Chandrahas (newly installed Secretary).*** STANDING FROM LEFT: ***Ln. Jagadeesh, Ln. Sagar, Ln. Nandakumar, Ln. B.N. Satish Kumar, Ln. N.M. Manjunath, Ln. R. Krishnamurthy Naik, Ln. K.N. Jagadeesh, Ln. V.P. Lakshminarayan and Ln. Narasimhamurthy.***

# Rajnath Singh meets Modi

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Pakistani troops initiated "unprovoked" firing across the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir following the Pahalgam terror attack. This is the fourth time in a row that Pakistan has violated the ceasefire.

"During the night of April 27-28, Pakistan Army posts initiated unprovoked small arms fire across the Line of Control in areas opposite Kupwara and Poonch districts," the Indian Army said in a statement, adding that they responded "swiftly and effectively." 25 tourists and a Kashmiri local were shot dead in cold blood at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam on April 22.

# Five-day Sangeet Natak Akademi Music and Dance Festival from Apr. 29

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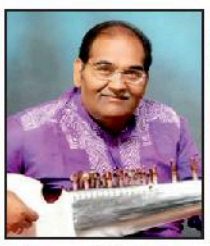
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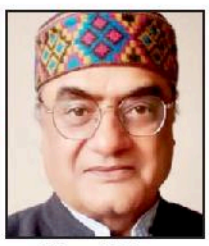
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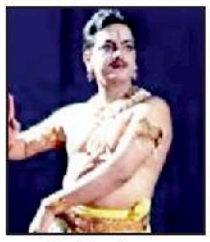
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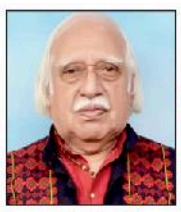
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Usha Gayatri

Nirupama & Rajendra

Mysuru, Apr. 28- In a landmark collaboration, India's apex cultural institution, **Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA),** New Delhi, joins hands with Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru — India's pioneering University dedicated to performing arts — to present a prestigious five-day National Festival of Music, Dance and Lecture Demonstrations **(SNA Fellows & Awardees Festival of Music and Dance 2025)**

The event is a celebration of India's rich cultural legacy, coinciding with two significant global observances: World Dance Day and World Music Day. As a tribute to the timeless traditions of Indian performing arts, the festival will bring together some of the finest artistes from across the nation — eminent Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardees and Fellows — to perform and engage with the audiences of Mysuru, the cultural capital of Karnataka.

**This grand national festival will be held from Apr. 29 to May 3, at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri campus, Mysuru.**

The event will be inaugurated by Dr. Lalitha Srinivasan and Dr. Aruna Kumar Kembhavi, IAS, along with Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chairman of Sangeet Natak Academy, Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote Vice-Chancellor, Music University, Prof. Manjunath, Registrar (Evaluation) and K.S.

Dr. Sandhya Purecha

Rekha Registrar (Administration).

The morning sessions will commence at 11 am, followed by evening sessions from 4 pm. Audiences can expect an enriching lineup of classical music and dance performances, as well as insightful lecture-demonstrations led by revered maestros of the Indian performing arts community.

The festival is curated under the visionary leadership of Dr. Sandhya Purecha and Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote.

**April 29**

**11 am-11.30 am:** R. Visweswaran (Mysuru) - Music; **11.40 am-12.10 pm:** Maharajapuram S. Ramachandran (Chennai) - Karnatak Vocal; **12.20 pm-12.50 pm:** Parikshit Mahato - Chhau; **4 pm-4.30 pm:** Basant Kabra (Jodhpur) - Sarod; **4.40 pm - 5.10 pm:** Harvinder Singh (Sas Nagar) - Hindustani Vocal with Dharmnath Mishra (Lucknow) - Harmonium; **5.20 pm-5.50 pm:** Niranjan Rout - Odissi; **6 pm-6.30 pm:** Sijagurumayum Noyonshakhi - Manipuri; **6.40 pm-7.10 pm:** Kala Vijayan - Mohiniattam; **7.20 pm-7.50 pm:** Drs. Raja and Radha Reddy - Kuchipudi

**April 30**

**11 am-11.30 am:** Dr. Sangita Gosain (Odisha) - Odissi Music; **11.40 am-12.10 pm:** Sadhu Charan Mahato - Chhau; **4 pm-4.30 pm:** Osman Bhai Husain Bhai Mir (Rajkot) - Creative & Experimental Music; **4.40 pm-5.10 pm:** Bhagavatula Sethuram - Kuchipudi; **5.20 pm-5.50 pm:** Bharat Sharma - Creative & Experimental Dance; **6 pm-6.30 pm:** Pallavi Krishnan - Mohiniattam; **6.40 pm-7.10 pm:** Prof. Kalamandalam C.M. Balasubrahmanian - Kathakali.

**May 1**

**11 am-11.30 am:** Pusthakam Ramaa (Bengaluru) - Music for Dance; **11.40 am-12.10 pm:** Sapam Kullabi Singh (Manipur) - Nata Pung; **4 pm-4.30 pm:** Subramaniam Sekhar - Creative

Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote

& Experimental Music; **4.40 pm-5.10 pm:** Urmila Sathyanarayanan - Bharatanatyam; **5.20 pm-5.50 pm:** Prakash Dumpeti - Periniattam; **6 pm-6.30 pm:** Jagdish Sundarlal Gangani - Kathak.

**May 2**

**11 am-11.30 am:** Sitaram Singh (Patna) - Sugam Sangeet; **11.40 am-12.10 pm:** L.V. Gangadhara Sastry (Hyderabad) - Sugam Sangeet; **12.20 pm-12.50 pm:** Bhaben Borbayan - Sattriya; **4 pm-4.30 pm:** Manda Sudharani (Visakhapatnam) - Karnatak Vocal; **4.40 pm-5.10 pm:** Vinod Kumar Dwivedi (Kanpur) - Dhrupad Vocal; **5.20 pm-5.50 pm:** Latasana Devi - Manipuri; **6 pm- 6.30 pm:** Snehaprava Samantaray - Odissi; **6.40 pm-7.10 pm:** Margi Vijayakumar - Kathakali; **7.20 pm-7.50 pm:** Nalini & Kamalini - Kathak.

**May 3**

**11 am-11.30 am:** Vinayak Khedekar (Goa) - Lecture-Demonstration; **11.40 am-12.10 pm:** Harvinder Kumar Sharma (Panchkula) - Sitar; **12.20 pm-12.50 pm:** Dr. Premeela Gurumurthy (Chennai) - Scholarship in Performing Arts; **4 pm-4.30 pm:** Moinuddin Khan (Jaipur) - Sarangi; **4.40 pm-5.10 pm:** Kalapini Komkali (Dewas) - Hindustani Vocal; **5.20 pm-5.50 pm:** Shankar Sastry (Bengaluru) - Karnatak Vocal; **6 pm-6.30 pm:** Gobinda Saikia - Sattriya; **6.40 pm-7.10 pm:** Maddali Usha Gayatri - Kuchipudi; **7.20 pm-7.50 pm:** Nirupama Rajendra & T.D. Rajendra - Creative & Experimental Dance.

This collaborative festival between Sangeet Natak Akademi and KSGH Music and Performing Arts University is not just a celebration — it is a reaffirmation of India's commitment to preserving and promoting its diverse artistic heritage.

Set against the culturally rich backdrop of Mysuru, this five-day festival offers audiences an extraordinary opportunity to witness and learn from the nation's most revered artistes — individuals who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of excellence in music and dance.

By aligning the event with World Dance Day and World Music Day, the organisers pay homage to the timeless and universal language of the performing arts, showcasing the profound role they play in uniting people, transcending borders, and passing forward knowledge and inspiration.

## Rain plays spoilsport at Muddanda Cup Hockey Festival 2025

# Mandepanda Champions

### Chenanda to host 26th edition of Family Hockey Tournament at Napoklu in 2026

*Home Minister Dr. Parameshwara addressing the gathering.*

Madikeri, Apr. 28 (PS&BCT)- The Mandepanda family was declared the winner of the Muddanda Hockey Festival 2025 held at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa College Grounds, Madikeri, after heavy rain interrupted their final against the Chendanda family yesterday.

Mandepanda was leading 1-0 when a downpour forced the match to be abandoned just over 12 minutes into play. Later, the organisers issued a statement confirming Mandepanda as the champions of the Silver Jubilee edition of the Kodava Family Hockey Festival.

Amidst overcast skies and thunderous cheers from the crowd, the much-anticipated final had begun with high energy. Chendanda earned the first penalty corner early on, but Olympian Nikin Thimmaiah failed to convert the opportunity.

Mandepanda responded with sharp counterattacks, securing their first penalty corner, which Gautam successfully converted to give Mandepanda a crucial 1-0 lead in the first quarter.

Rain began to intensify during the second quarter as Chendanda pushed hard for an equaliser. Despite earning back-to-back penalty corners, they failed to break through Mandepanda's defence. As lightning flashed and thunder rolled, torrential rain forced a suspension of play.

Relentless downpour left the field waterlogged. After about half an hour of efforts to clear the standing water, the match briefly resumed. Chendanda came close to scoring, but Mandepanda's young goalkeeper Dhyan Bopanna made a brilliant save to preserve his team's lead.

*The Mandepanda family that won the Muddanda Cup Hockey Festival 2025.*

*The Kambiranda family that won the Muddanda Cup Women's Hockey Festival 2025.*

Moments later, the rain returned with greater intensity, turning the ground into a virtual stream. With further play impossible, officials from the Kodava Hockey Academy, referees and team managers declared Mandepanda the winners.

Despite being soaked twice over, the spirit of the crowd remained unbroken. Spectators packed into gallery corners, cheering, clapping and even dancing in the rain. However, disappointment lingered among fans and organisers alike, as many had hoped for a full and thrilling conclusion to the Silver Jubilee tournament. Earlier, in the third-place match, Nellamakkada defeated Kuppanda (Kaikeri) 2-1 to claim third spot.

**VIP speeches delay action**

The final was marred by significant delays and drew heavy criticism from spectators. Many expressed frustration over poor planning and coordination, blaming the organisers for nearly four-hour delay in starting the final.

Originally scheduled to begin at 11 am, the final was postponed due to an extended inaugural ceremony where several Ministers and elected representatives delivered prolonged speeches, pushing the start time to around 2 pm.

Mere minutes after play commenced, heavy rain lashed Madikeri, leading to the abandonment of the match. "When a match is scheduled for 11 am, starting it at 2.30 pm is simply unacceptable — especially with rain forecasts and spectators waiting, hungry and eager, to watch the finals," many said.

"Are we here to watch hockey or to listen to endless speeches?" one frustrated fan remarked. Spectators further noted that in professional tournaments, VIPs attend to witness the sport, not to hold the mic and deliver lengthy lectures, disregarding the value of spectators' time.

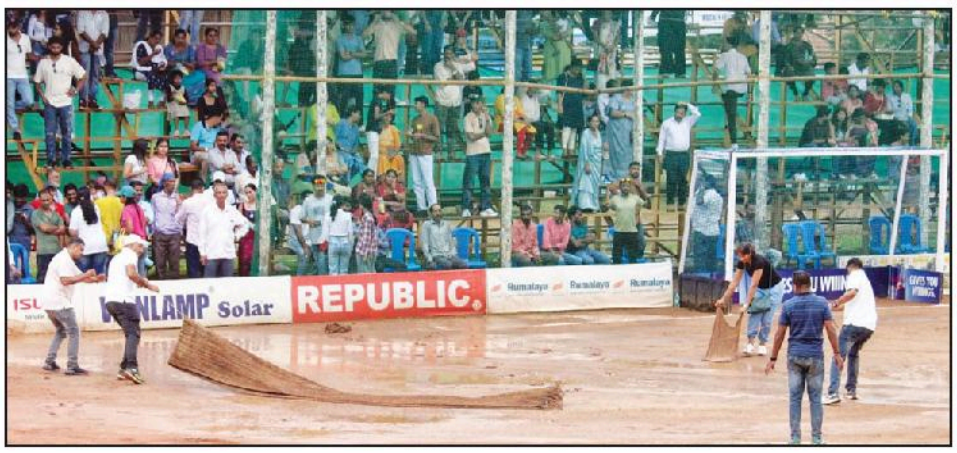
Among the speakers were Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Virajpet MLA and CM's Legal Advisor Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna, Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda, MLC Mandepanda Suja Kushalappa, Kodava Hockey Academy President Pandanda Bopanna and Muddanda Hockey Festival Committee President Muddanda Rashin Subbaiah.

**World Wide Book of Records recognition**

The Silver Jubilee Muddanda Cup set a new record with 396 men's teams comprising 5,544 players competing in 397 matches, alongside 58 women's teams with 464 players competing in 57 matches during the five-a-side tournament.

The festival was officially entered into the World Wide Book of Records, with Sindhuja, a representative from the record book, announcing the recognition at the closing ceremony and presenting the certificate to the Muddanda family.

The 26th Kodava Family Hockey Festival will be hosted by Chenanda family at Napoklu in 2026. The family ceremoniously accepted leadership during a flag procession held on the Muddanda Cup Grounds.



*Just minutes after the final match between the Mandepanda and Chendanda began, heavy rains lashed Madikeri, leading to waterlogged grounds.*

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Travail

**Pronunciation:** truh-VAIL (Noun)
**Meaning:** Travail is a formal word, usually used in plural, that refers to a difficult experience or situation.
**Origin:** Travail traces back to trepalium, a Late Latin word for an instrument of torture. We don't know exactly what a trepalium looked like, but the word's history gives us an idea. Trepalium comes from the Latin adjective tripalis, which means "having three stakes" (from tri-, meaning "three," and palus, meaning "stake"). Trepalium eventually led to the Anglo-French verb travailler, meaning "to torment" but also, more mildly, "to trouble" and "to journey." The Anglo-French noun travail was borrowed into English in the 13th century, along with another descendant of travailler, travel.
**Example:** "Written by Samy Burch, the film [Coyote vs. Acme] follows the travails of the desert denizen who is tired of being slammed with Acme products as he tries to outsmart the Roadrunner. Coyote finally decides to hire a lawyer to take the Acme Corp. to court for product liability, such as faulty rocket skates and defective aerial bombs." —Meg James, The Los Angeles Times, 20 Mar. 2025.

## THE ODD WORD

### Zonk

To stun or strike; pass out

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Between a Rock and a Hard Place

**Meaning:** The phrase 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place' is used when in a very difficult position; facing a hard decision.
**Origin:** The origin of the idiom 'between a rock and a hard place' can be found in ancient Greek mythology. In Homer's Odyssey, Odysseus must pass between Charybdis, a treacherous whirlpool, and Scylla, a horrid man-eating, cliff-dwelling monster. Ever since, saying one is stuck between a rock (the cliff) and a hard place (the whirlpool) has been a way to succinctly describe being in a dilemma.
**Example:** "I'd like to help you but I am stuck between a rock & a hard place."

## QUOTE BOX

We must not allow other people's limited perceptions to define us.

**—Virginia Satir**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

[ Income ]

*Answer: High Income Bracket(s).*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

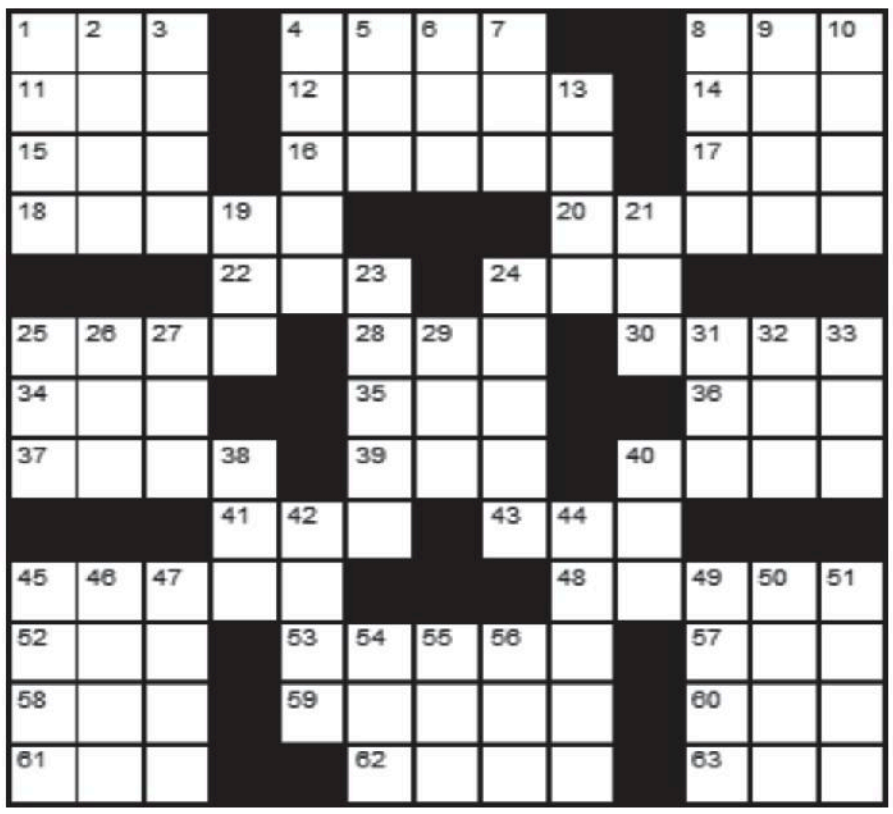
1 Ridiculously High Freq,
4 Hinged metal clasp
8 Crime syndicate
11 Org. of African Unity
12 A blackboard support
14 Rock musician Brian
15 Indian rule
16 Slow - musically speaking
17 WWII battleground
18 Courtroom event
20 Revolving aerofoil
22 Cut off
24 Mass of salt water
25 A raw __ : what you get when you are treated badly?
28 Stereo component
30 Devoted followers
34 Part of a play
35 Chinese principle
36 Regional Airline Assoc.
37 Fleece
39 BSE deal
40 Golden Fleece ship
41 In favour of
43 A unit of illumination
45 Trunk
48 Not at any time
52 Celebrated fighter pilot
53 Many (prefix)
57 Anger
58 Required Time of Arrival
59 Make into law
60 Eur. Space Agcy
61 Outdo or surpass
62 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
63 Marry, take a bride

**SATURDAY'S ANSWER**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U | M | A | ■ | A | L | O | E | ■ | U | V | E | A |
| R | A | T | ■ | S | E | L | L | ■ | N | O | V | A |
| A | Y | N | ■ | L | I | E | S | ■ | S | W | A | P |
| L | O | O | S | E | ■ | ■ | A | N | U | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| ■ | ■ | ■ | K | E | P | T | ■ | E | N | D | S | ■ |
| C | H | E | A | P | E | R | ■ | E | G | Y | P | T |
| H | A | D | ■ | ■ | R | I | G | ■ | ■ | E | O | E |
| A | N | G | E | L | ■ | M | O | D | I | S | T | E |
| ■ | D | E | E | P | ■ | S | T | O | A | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| ■ | ■ | ■ | R | S | M | ■ | ■ | M | M | D | I | V |
| V | I | I | I | ■ | E | L | L | A | ■ | E | C | E |
| I | D | O | L | ■ | M | L | I | I | ■ | N | E | I |
| R | A | C | Y | ■ | O | M | E | N | ■ | Y | S | L |

**DOWN**

1 Institutional dishonesty
2 A sea-fog - "Ahar" anagram ?
3 Japanese mountain
4 A greeting
5 Battery size
6 Former Soviet prov.
7 Wooden nail or pin
8 Come into contact
9 I am _ _ it : I am aware of it? (2,2)
10 Churl
13 Traditional tales
19 The entirety
21 Clod
23 Courtyard
24 Reel or bobbin
25 Crow-like bird
26 Green prefix?
27 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
29 Atlas entry
31 Flightboard abbr.
32 Badger
33 S. American city __ Paolo
38 Records
40 Get rid of
42 The Eternal City
44 Combine
45 Bitter sweet
46 Eight as a prefix
47 Harvest corn
49 Opinion
50 Irish
51 See what's in the book
54 Girl's name
55 Drink like a cat
56 Terminal Control Area, abbr.



## SUDOKU

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 5 | 4 | |
| | | | | | | | 3 | 9 |
| | | | 8 | 9 | | | 1 | |
| 7 | 9 | | | 3 | | 8 | | 6 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | 4 | | 6 | | | 7 | 2 |
| | 4 | | | 5 | 7 | | | |
| 3 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | 1 | 3 | | | | | |

Answer to previous puzzle

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| 9 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| 7 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| 2 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 6 |
| 3 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| 8 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 9 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**KI ETH JMA FBMO SWKD, K JMA DXMV**

**TA VE ZFMRBD MAO DHB ETH!**

**TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS U**

**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** Women prefer men who have something tender about them — especially the legal kind.

# MOVIE LOVERS

## NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  *Gangers (Ta)* - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  *Dasarahalli (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  *Firefly (K)* - 2 Shows; *Good Bad Ugly (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  *Gandhada Gudi (1973) (K)* - 2 Shows; *Odela 2 (Te)* - 2 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  *Bhagiratha (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  *Bhagiratha (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  *Dasarahalli (K)* - 2 Shows; *Kora (K)* - 1 Show; *Ricksha Chalaka (K)* - 1 Show
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  *Vaamana (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  *Sikandar (H)* - 3 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* | (S-1) | 10.10 am |
| | (S-2) | 4.05 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Ne Zha 2 (Mandarin-3D)* | (S-1) | 1.10 pm, 4.05 pm |
| *Thudarum (Ma)* | (S-1) | 7 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Gandhada Gudi 1973 (K)* | (S-2) | 10.10 am |
| *Firefly (K)* | (S-2) | 1.20 pm |
| *Gangster Alla Prankster (K)* | (S-3) | 10.25 am |
| *Gangers (Ta)* | (S-3) | 1.05 pm |
| *Kesari Chapter 2 (H)* | (S-3) | 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm |
| *Saragapani Jathakam (Te)* | (S-3) | 10 pm |
| *Until Dawn (E)* | (S-4) | 11 am, 7.25 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Amara Premi Arun (K)* | (S-4) | 1.30 pm |
| *Ground Zero (H)* | (S-4) | 4.30 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amara Premi Arun (K)* | : | 1.10 pm |
| *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* | : | 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Gangster Alla Prankster (K)* | : | 3.55 pm |
| *Sarangapani Jathakam (Te)* | : | 4.15 pm |
| *Gangers (Ta)* | : | 6.15 pm, 9.15 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Gangers (Ta)* | : | 9.40 am, 12.55 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Jaat (H)* | : | 10 am |
| *Kesari Chapter 2 (H)* | : | 10 am, 12.50 pm, 6.35 pm |
| *Until Dawn (E)* | : | 10.10 am, 2.05 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Gandhada Gudi (1973) (K)* | : | 11 am |
| *Ne Zha 2 (Mandarin - 3D)* | : | 11.05 am, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm |
| *Ground Zero (H)* | : | 12.35 pm, 3.40 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Thudarum (Ma)* | : | 1.15 pm |
| *Gangster Alla Prankster (K)* | : | 2.15 pm |
| *Sachein (Ta)* | : | 3.30 pm |
| *Dasarahalli (K)* | : | 4.50 pm |
| *Dhoom 2 (H)* | : | 5 pm |
| *Andaz Apna Apna (H)* | : | 6.45 pm |
| *Firefly (K)* | : | 7.25 pm |
| *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* | : | 7.30 pm |
| *Good Bad Ugly (Ta)* | : | 9.45 pm |
| *Sikandar (H)* | : | 10 pm |
| *Sarangapani Jathakam (Ta)* | : | 10.30 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Ground Zero (H)* | : | 9.20 am, 4.20 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Gangers (Ta)* | : | 9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* | : | 10.25 am, 12.15 pm |
| *Ne Zha 2 (Mandarin -3D)* | : | 11.40 am, 5.05 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Kesari Chapter 2 (H)* | : | 1.30 pm |
| *Until Dawn (E)* | : | 2.40 pm, 8.05 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Firefly (K)* | : | 3.15 pm, 9 pm |
| *Amara Premi Arun (K)* | : | 7.15 pm |

### INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

**Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Ground Zero (H)* | : | 9.45 am, 1.10 pm 07:20 pm |
| *Gangers (Ta)* | : | 9.55 am, 4.05 pm, 6.30 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Gandhada Gudi (1973) (K)* | : | 10 am |
| *Until Dawn (E)* | : | 11.10 am, 4.35 pm |
| *Amara Premi Arun (K)* | : | 12.40 pm |
| *Kesari Chapter 2 (H)* | : | 1.20 pm, 10 pm |
| *Ne Zha 2 (Mandarin - 3D)* | : | 1.35 pm, 7 pm |
| *Firefly (K)* | : | 3.40 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Thudarum (Ma)* | : | 4.15 pm |
| *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* | : | 7.30 pm |
| *Andaz Apna Apna (H)* | : | 10.30 pm |

**INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Gangers (Ta)* | : | 9.45 am, 1 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Ground Zero (H)* | : | 10.05 am, 4 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Firefly (K)* | : | 10.35 am, 6.55 pm |
| *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* | : | 1 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Thudarum (Ma)* | : | 1.25 pm 09:45 pm |
| *Until Dawn (E)* | : | 2.10 pm, 7.35 pm |
| *Ne Zha 2 (Mandarin - 3D)* | : | 4.35 pm, 10 pm |
| *Gangster Alla Prankster (K)* | : | 4.40 pm |
| *Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)* | : | 7.20 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

# 3rd PG Graduation Day held at VVCE

*The third Post-Graduate Graduation Day of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) was held in the city recently. Picture shows the rank holders with chief guest Venkappayya R. Desai, Director, IIT Dharwad; Gundappa Gowda, Vidyavardhaka Sangha President; P. Vishwanath, Sangha Secretary; Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, VVCE Principal; B. Shivalingappa, Sangha Vice-President; Dr. Shobha Shankar, Vice-Principal & Dean Academics; and L.J. Sudev, Controller of Examinations.*

Mysuru, Apr. 28- "Degree is within the framework, but when we want to solve a problem, we need to go beyond it," said Venkappayya R. Desai, Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dharwad.

Delivering the address during the third Post-Graduate Graduation Day of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) at its Sahukar Chennaiah Auditorium here recently, Desai emphasised the importance of applying academic knowledge to solve real-world problems such as pollution, waste management, and sustainability challenges.

"A degree provides a foundation, but true impact comes from thinking beyond the classroom — thinking cost-effective, scalable and sustainable," he said.

He urged the graduates to merge traditional wisdom with modern innovation to build solutions for a better future.

P. Vishwanath, Secretary of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, spoke about the institution's vision of becoming a University of international repute. "India is rapidly emerging as a startup nation. We encourage our students to become job creators, not just job seekers," he remarked.

VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, said, "With the country aiming to become a $10 trillion economy by 2030, the need for continuous learning and adaptability has never been more critical."

He added that innovation, digital infrastructure and entrepreneurial spirit would be the key drivers of India's transformation.

A total of 111 students were awarded certificates — two received M.Tech degrees while 109 received MBA degrees. Of the 10 rank holders, eight were women, highlighting the growing presence of female achievers in higher education. S.P. Chaithra secured first rank in MBA.

**Rank holders: 1.** S.P. Chaithra, **2.** S.Aishwarya, **3.** B.M. Madhushree, **4.** V.R. Sheela, **5.** M.L. Amulya, **6.** S.S. Srilochana, **7.** H.P. Harsha, **8.** K. Anagha, **9.** P.G. Monish, **10.** V. Surabhi.

## EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 28)

- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava, vocal concert by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar and troupe, School Auditorium, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 29)

- **MMK&SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya and PG Study Centre:** College Annual Day - 2025, University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraja chief guest, Dr. K.S. Sadananda guest of honour, MMK&SDM Girls PU College Principal Prof. Nayana Kumari special guest, Principal Prof. N. Bharati presides, College premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10 am.**
- **Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, Sri Hosmutt:** Basava Jayanti celebrations, Kodagu University VC Dr. Ashok S. Aluru inaugurates, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, writer and retd. Akashvani Assistant Director Abdul Rasheed delivers talk on 'Basavannanavara Drishtiyalli Samasamaja,' Pratishtana premises, Sri Hosmutt, **11 am.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava, vocal concert by Vid. TNS Krishna & troupe, School Auditorium, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Nandu Associates, Mysuru and Nrityagiri - Academy of Performing Arts & Research Centre, Mysuru:** 'Bhavaspoorthi' in memory of late Chandrakanta, mother of K.C. Nandakumar of Nandu Associates; Sugama Sangeetha programme by Vidu. K. Bhagyalakshmi and H.L. Nagashree, accompanied by Ganesh Bhat on keyboard, Atmaram Nayak on tabla and Sujayendra Rao on rhythm pad, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

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This is in reference to our Appointment notification published in this news paper dated 26-04-2025 wherein it is mentioned qualification of subjects Business Studies and Accountancy as M A, B.Ed., instead of **M.Com.,B.Ed.,** and **Please read above mentioned subject qualification as M.Com.,B.Ed.,**

All other details are remains unaltered.

Sd/- **Principal**

**DOCUMENTS LOST**

**I, Nagesh M.C, S/o Late M. Chandrashekar & Late Lolakshi, lost all the original documents of my house, D.No. 457, 17th Cross, 4th Main, Vishweshwaranagara, Mysore - 570 008.**

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| Sl. No | Name of the Posts | Date of Interview |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | PGTs & Lab Assistant in Computer Science | 05.05.2025 |
| 2 | TGTs | 06.05.2025 |
| 3 | WETs & PRTs | 07.05.2025 |
| 4 | Pre-Primary Teachers, Vocational Teachers (Retail & IT-ITeS), Laboratory Assistant (Physics & Chemistry), Professional Assistant (Library), Semi-Professional Assistant (Library) & Technician Grade I | 08.05.2025 |

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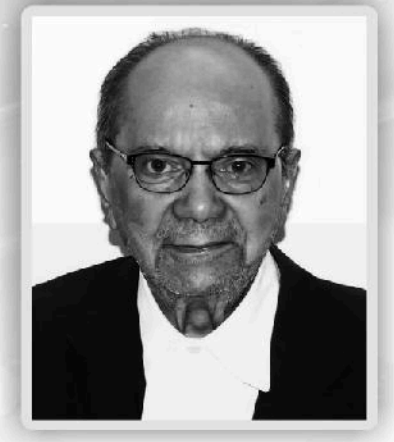

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